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SUBJECT: QADHAFI AS THE YOUNG NASSER

1. COLONEL QADHAFI HAS BEEN NEEDING NEW DRAMATIC SUCCESS, AND NOW HE HAS IT. ANNOUNCEMENT LAST EVENING OF LIBYAN UNION WITH TUNISIA WAS COMPLETE SURPRISE IN TRIPOLI. NASSERIST QUALITY OF BOTH THE VENTURE AND YOUNG, VISIONARY QADHAFI WAS EMPHASIZED TO TELEVISION VIEWERS WITH OLD FILMS SHOWING EXCITEMENT OF NASSER'S PUBLIC APPEARANCES IN FORMER DAYS. LIBYANS, LIKE EGYPTIANS TWO DECADES AGO, ARE PROUD OF DIGNITY AND RECOGNITION THEY HAVE ACHIEVED UNDER BOLD LEADERSHIP. QADHAFI IS AGAIN RIDING WAVE.

2. DEVELOPMENT IS CONTINUING EVIDENCE OF ARAB WORLD'S UNDERLYING FERMENT AND POTENTIAL FOR SUDDEN CHANGE. WHEN INITIATIVE SUCH AS THIS INVOLVES CONCEPT OF ARAB UNITY, IT IS BOUND TO HAVE STRONG APPEAL TO MOST ARABS. HOPEFULLY BOURGUIBA AND TUNISIA WILL HAVE SOME SUCCESS IN BRINGING
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THE ALIENATED QADHAFI CLOSER TO ARAB MAINSTREAM. HOPEFULLY

ASO NEW DEMANDS OF UNITY PROJECT WILL DIVERT HIM FROM HIS
SINGLE-MINDED EFFORT TO WRECK MIDDLE EAST PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.
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